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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 24, 2003, kindly enter the following remarks.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Responsive to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, applicant hereby provisionally elects the Species of Figure 4a (and 4b). This election is made with traverse. Currently, claims 1-9, 22-34 and 39-42 (all pending claims) read on the elected Species. Furthermore, currently claims 1-9, 22-34 and 39-42 are generic to the species identified by the Examiner.